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SUBJ: MEDIA REACTION REPORT: ALIGNMENT OF YUGOSLAVIA

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: YUGOSLAV MEDIA TAKE CONTINUING UMBRAGE AT WESTERN PRESS SUGGESTION THAT YUGOSLAVIA IS NOT OR WILL NOT BE NONALIGNED. END SUMMARY.

2. IN NOV 20 VJESNIK (ZAGREB), NY CORR TOMISLAV BUTORAC DEVOTES COLUMN TO RECURRING THEME NYTIMES'C.L. SULZBERGER THAT YUGOSLAVIA WILL RETURN TO BLOC. ARTICLE CLAIMS SULZBERGER "PERSISTENTLY AND LITERALLY SELL OUT AND OFFERS UP YUGOSLAVIA" TO RUSSIANS AND WARSAW PACT. IN DENYING YUGOSLAVIA POSSIBILITY OF REMAINING INDEPENDENT AND NONALIGNED, SULZBERGER "FRIGHTENS US WITH AND DEFENDS US AGAINST NEO-STALINISTS," AND IN DOING SO, BUTORAC SAYS, "ENCOURAGES THOSE VERY FORCES ... AND OBJECTIVELY TRANSFORMS HIMSELF INTO THEIR ALLY."

3. BORBA (NOV 23, P.4) TAKES LONDON OBSERVER TO TASK FOR ITS RECENT "STRANGE AND TENDENTIOUS" ARTICLE UNDER HEADLINE, "WHY DO THEY ALIGN US?" CLAIMING WESTERN PRESS FOR YEARS HAS NOT STOPPED ALIGNING" YUGOSLAVIA, WRITER (VLADO TESLIC) SAYS PRACTICE SPRINGS FROM "DETERMINED POLITICAL MOTIVE" OF DIS-

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CREDITING ("THROWING MUD") ON HER "NONALIGNED POLICY." ARTI-

CLE CALLS OBSERVER PIECE OF TITO'S VISIT TO KIEV ("WHY DID TITO GET ANGRY AND ALIGN WITH RUSSIANS?") "EXTREMELY BASELESS AND PROVOCATIVE" IN SUGGESTING, FOR INSTANCE, THAT ALLEGED BREZHNEV-TITO DECISION TO CALL WORLD COMMUNIST CONFERENCE WAS DIRECTED AGAINST CHINESE. SINCE OBSERVER THESIS RE YUGOSLAVIA'S ALIGNMENT WITH SOVIET POLICY REMAINS COMPLETELY UNCONVINCING, BORBA WRITES, BRITISH AUTHOR ADVANCES EXPLANATION THAT "ALIGNMENT" DUE TO TITO'S ANGER OVER US ROLE IN MIDEAST CRISIS, MEANING TITO FELT HE NOW "HAS MORE IN COMMON WITH RUSSIANS THAN WITH WEST." BORBA LABELS ARTICLE "CALCULATED PROVOCATION TO CAUSE SUSPICION OF YUGOSLAV ... NONALIGNMENT, BECAUSE OF STRONG SUPPORT TO ARAB CAUSE. OBSERVER, LIKE OTHER WESTERN PRESS, BORBA CLAIMS, IS SUBJECT TO "STRONG ZIONIST INFLUENCE," WHICH ACCOUNTS FOR OBSERVER CHEERING ISRAEL ON AND ITS CRITICISM OF NEUTRAL STANCE OF WEST EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS. BORBA CONCLUDES STRENGTHENING OF NONALIGNED MOVEMENT AS RESULT OF ALGIERS CONFERENCE "BOTHERS SOME FORCES IN WEST BECAUSE IT DECREASES MANEUVERING SPACE OF NEOCOLONIALISTS AND IMPERIALIST IN MIDEAST AND ELSEWHERE." TOON

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